

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for validating a date, comprising:
 - formatting a user inputted date to match requirements of a programming language;
 - sending the formatted user inputted date as a parameter of a date creation function of the programming language;
 - generating a program language generated date using the date creation function; and
 - comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date to determine the validity of the user inputted date.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - returning a Boolean value of true or false after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - sending an object after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - throwing an exception after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) A computer system to validate a date, comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a memory; and
 - software instructions stored in the memory for enabling the computer system under control of the processor, to perform:
 - formatting a user inputted date to match requirements of a programming language;

sending the formatted user inputted ~~inputted~~ date as a parameter of a date creation function of the programming language;
generating a program language generated date using the date creation function; and
comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date to determine the validity of the user inputted date.

8. (Previously Presented) A date validation mechanism, comprising:

means for formatting a user inputted date to match requirements of a programming language;
means for sending the formatted user inputted date as a parameter of a date creation function of the programming language;
means for generating a program language generated date using the date creation function;
and
means for comparing the user inputted date to the program language generated date to determine the validity of the user inputted date.

9. (Previously Presented) The date validation mechanism of claim 8, further comprising:

means for sending an object after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date; and
means for selectively throwing an exception after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 7, the software instructions further comprising:

returning a boolean value of true or false after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 7, the software instructions further comprising:

sending an object after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date; and
selectively throwing an exception after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.

12. (Previously Presented) The mechanism of claim 8, further comprising:

means for returning a boolean value of true or false after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.